Globalization
Transnationalization
Society
An Interdisciplinary Dialogue
between Theories of Society
and Cross-Border Studies

Conference Program

February 15th–16th, 2018
Centre for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF)
Bielefeld University

Venue
Centre for Interdisciplinary Research (ZiF)
Bielefeld University
Methoden 1, 33615 Bielefeld

Accommodation
We recommend the Arcadia Hotel Bielefeld
(Niederwall 31–35, 33602 Bielefeld).

Getting to the ZiF
Bus stop: ‘Uni Studentenwohnheim’. From there, it is a short walk to the ZiF. Alternatively, you can take a taxi.

Map of the conference venue:

Conference fee: € 20
Registration: until Feb 1st, 2018,
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More information and up-to-date program:
www.uni-due.de/soziologie/society.php

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Thursday, February 15th, 2018
9.30 am – 9.45 am
Welcome Note by Anna Amelina
(Cottbus–Senftenberg, Germany) and
Anja Weiß (Duisburg–Essen, Germany)

9.45 am – 11.45 am
Session 1 – Society and its Boundaries:
Global, Transnational and European Prospects
Chair: Anna Amelina, Cottbus–Senftenberg, Germany
Rethinking the Concept of Social System Using
Complexity Science to Theorise Processes of Globalization
and Societalization
Sylvia Walby, University of Lancaster, Great Britain
Title tba
Nina Glick Schiller, University of Manchester,
Great Britain
The Europeanisation of Social Space and Social Fields
Martin Heidenreich, Oldenburg, Germany

11.45 am – 1.00 pm: Lunch break
Thursday, February 15th, 2018 (continued)

1.00 am – 3.00 pm
Session 2 – Theorizing Society: Towards Field-Theoretic Perspectives
Chair: Tobias Werron, Bielefeld, Germany
Post-Socialist Society, Enlarged EU: Applications of a Transnational Field Approach
Zsuzsa Gille, University of Illinois, USA
Cross-Border Relations Create Emergent Orders: Links between Theories of Transnationalization and World Society Theory
Bettina Mahlert, RWTH Aachen, Germany
Towards a Political Sociology of Transnational Fields
Christian Schmidt-Wellenburg, Potsdam, Germany
Social Fields as Arenas of Struggle and Forms of Imputation: Linking Theories of Society and Transnationalization
Gregor Bongaerts, Duisburg-Essen, Germany

3.00 pm – 3.30 pm: Coffee break

3.30 pm – 5.30 pm
Session 3 – Decentering ‘Society’: Benefits of Gender and Intersectional Theorizing
Chair: Manuela Boatică, Freiburg, Germany
‘Sociological Theory’ versus ‘Field of Studies’: Interrogating Intersectionality and the Problem of Theorising Boundaries of Differentiation and Hierarchisation
Floya Anthias, University of East London, Great Britain

Friday, February 16th, 2018

9.00 am – 11.00 am
Session 4 – Beyond Western Eyes: Reflecting Epistemic Power in Theories of Cross-Border Relations
Chair: Anja Weiß, Duisburg-Essen, Germany
Do ‘Classical’ Conceptions Make Sense in Today’s Global World?
Sujata Patel, University of Hyderabad, India
Title tba
Shalini Randeria, Graduate Institute Geneva, Switzerland
Social Theory Anew: From Contesting Modernity to Revisiting Our Conceptual ‘Toolbox’
Kathya Araújo, University of Santiago, Chile
Unlearning European Borders: Lessons from the Caribbean
Manuela Boatică, Freiburg, Germany

11.00 am – 11.15 am: Coffee break

11.15 am – 1.15 pm
Session 5 – Pathways and Complexities of Societal Change: Challenges of Cross Border Prospects
Chair: Gregor Bongaerts, Duisburg-Essen, Germany
The Social Question in Historical-Sociological Perspective: 19th- and 21st-Century Patterns
Thomas Faist, Bielefeld, Germany
Sociology of Nationalism: Connecting Sociological Theory, World Society Studies and Nationalism Research
Tobias Werron, Bielefeld, Germany
How ‘International Capital’ Transforms National Fields
Felix Bühlmann, Lausanne, Switzerland
Transnationalizing Social Theory with the Help of Differentiation Theories
Anja Weiß, Duisburg-Essen, Germany

1.15 pm – 1.30 pm
Final Note by Manuela Boatică (Freiburg, Germany) and Gregor Bongaerts (Duisburg–Essen, Germany)

1.30 pm – 3.00 pm: Lunch
3.00 pm: End of the conference